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## **Connolly Brothers completes Brooks School Campus renovations**

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North Andover, MA Connolly Brothers, Inc. has completed a series of campus renovations at Brooks School, a private, coeducational boarding and day school for students in grades 9-12.

Over seven months, Connolly served in multiple capacities, taking on a design-build role to transform the Campus Athletic Center's McVeigh Court with a new varsity-length court, which involved wood floor refinishing, striping/graphics painting, the installation of abuse-resistant finishes in the gymnasium, and the relocation of a glass entryway. Additionally, Connolly provided construction management services for Brooks' Wilder Dining Hall and Student Center.

In close collaboration with the design team at Architectural Resources Cambridge (ARC), Connolly added a vestibule to the space along with a new dining patio and fresh landscaping to enhance the exterior of the campus, and also renovated the school's Keating Room, with project work including an expansion of the space and the implementation of modern technological and A/V systems in the high-end multifunction meeting and gathering area.

Further, Connolly delivered a facelift and upgrades to smaller campus buildings such as the sugar shack, which supports summer camp operations, as well as the pool shed. A.T. Leonard provided design services for exterior site work on the sugar shack, as well as landscape architecture. All work occurred while school was in session, so site safety and project scheduling was of crucial importance. Connolly was selected as the best value to the school because of its value engineering pre-construction process.

"Brooks School is known for its challenging college preparatory program, an outstanding athletic program, and most of all for its supportive and close-knit community," said Jay Connolly, president of Connolly Brothers. "We value Brooks School's educational mission and are excited to help advance it with these new environments in which their students may thrive."

Among others, Rist-Frost-Shumway Engineering was also a key project partner, providing mechanical, electrical, and plumbing services.

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